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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 48 of the First Extraordinary Session
By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Chief Don Wray of
Bartlett upon receiving the Old Hickory Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should pause to
recognize those citizens who in their years of work have performed with extraordinary
dedication and unprecedented devotion; and

WHEREAS, Bartlett Police Chief Kenneth (Don) Wray is one such exemplary individual
who was recently named to receive the Old Hickory Award from the Tennessee Committee for
Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve
established the Old Hickory Award for those employers and supervisors who support their
employees who serve in the Tennessee National Guard and Reserves by allowing the
employees to take the needed time away from their jobs; and

WHEREAS, Chief Wray was recommended for this estimable honor by Inspector Paul
Freeman, one of three officers under his command currently in the Guard or Reserves. He is
only the third person in the state to receive this honor; and

WHEREAS, Chief Wray, a native of Memphis, joined the Shelby County Sheriff's
Department in 1977 after graduating from the Shelby County Police Academy; and

WHEREAS, he began working as a patrolman with the Bartlett Police Department in
1978 and served as assistant chief of police from 1991 to 1995, when he became chief; and

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WHEREAS, Chief Wray has consistently supported employees committed to serving in military reserves and, in 1995, received a state award for his support of military employees; and

WHEREAS, Chief Wray is grateful for the love and companionship of his wife of 25 years, Paula; their 2 children, Don and Kayde; his parents, Kenneth and Ann Wray; and his brother, Darin Wray; and

WHEREAS, the Bartlett Police employees and citizens of Bartlett are especially grateful to Chief Wray for his unwavering support and willingness to help those dedicated to serving and protecting our nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Bartlett Chief of Police Kenneth (Don) Wray upon receiving the Old Hickory Award for his support of Bartlett Police employees who serve in the Tennessee National Guard and Reserves.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.